

an industrious eight-year-old selling fresh eggs and delivering packages on the streets of New York City during the era of horse-drawn carriages. His ambition and hard work led him to found the Nortex and Schindler companies, which were headquartered on the 43rd floor of the Empire State Building. He married his wonderful wife Fran, and they have enjoyed a happy 45 years together.

His family and business success is matched by an enviable record of public service. Just two years after the end of the Second World War, his family received notification from the Government of Austria that they were heirs to property in the city of Vienna. In memory of the members of his family who were victims of the Holocaust, the family directed that the property be turned over to the city for use as a park.

In 1962 he established the first corporate day care and nursery facility in the United States for the children of working mothers at his manufacturing plant in Fall River, Massachusetts. Norman Schindler has been a leader in a number of areas, particularly since he and Fran established their home in Florida. He served as president of the South Florida Humane Society for fifteen years, was treasurer of the Papanicolaou Cancer Research Center (now the Sylvester Cancer Center) for seven years, was a founder of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation of Miami Beach, on the board of the Hebrew Academy of Miami Beach, and became a "Grand Donor" to the Miami Beach Alzheimers Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Norman T. Schindler for his exemplary public service on the occasion of the centennial of his birth.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE SONNY CALLAHAN

#### HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2002*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise in tribute and express my appreciation and affection for my colleague and friend from Alabama, SONNY CALLAHAN.

SONNY has traveled a career path from the ranks of the small businessman to serving in the Alabama legislature to ultimately representing Alabama's First District for the past 18 years in the United States Congress.

From his work first as Chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee on foreign operations, and then more recently as Chairman of the subcommittee on energy and water development, SONNY has been unfailingly equitable in his consideration of members' appropriations requests.

Now, in stepping down from the lofty positions he has served with such distinction, he will have more time for his family, his grandchildren, and his friends back home.

We will miss SONNY's friendly manner, his thoughtfulness, and his affability.

But our loss in SONNY's retirement is certainly a clear gain for SONNY's family and the folks of southwest Alabama to whom he now returns.

#### RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE RING LARDNER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS JOURNALISM

#### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2002*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, the Chicago Athletic Association (CAA) was one of the nation's first sports clubs to be created when it was formed in 1890. It was ready for business—and sports—when it opened its doors to athletes and sports fans, just in time for the World's Fair Columbia Exposition in 1893. Amos Alonzo Stagg, Avery Brundage, William Wrigley and Ring Lardner were among the scores of sports celebrities who have called the CAA their second home. William Wrigley even took the club's logo for the use of his new baseball team. Today, that team is known as the Chicago Cubs.

While dozens of awards programs exist for athletes, there are few programs that recognize excellence in sports journalism. The leadership of CAA has decided to create a special award for excellence in sports journalism, in honor of Ring Lardner, premier sports reporter and writer. The inaugural recipients of the new Ring Lardner Award were chosen by a distinguished panel, including: Mike Houlihan, Lardner Award creator, Chicago Sun-Times; Mike Conklin, Chicago Tribune; Rick Kogan, Chicago Tribune; Mike Mulligan, Chicago Sun-Times; Don Pierson, Chicago Tribune; Norman Potash, WBBM-TV (CBS); Jennifer Weigel, WLS-RADIO; Susan Prather, founder of the Chicago Sports Hall of Fame; and William T. Darnton, immediate past president of the CAA.

The recipients of the inaugural Ring Lardner Award are:

In the broadcast category, NFL Host and play-by-play Announcer Greg Gumbel, CBS Sports;

In the print category, former Chicago Sun-Times Columnist and Sports Editor Ray Sons; and

In the posthumous award for both print and broadcast, former Chicago Daily News Sports Reporter, Chicago Sun-Times Columnist and WBBM-TV Sports Director Tim Weigel.

The award ceremony is being held Thursday evening, November 21, 2002, at the Chicago Athletic Association, and is benefiting Maryville Academy for abused children. The profession of sports journalism lost a gifted reporter in Tim Weigel last year. His award is especially poignant, because his daughter, Jennifer Weigel, is serving as Master of Ceremonies for the award ceremony, and his widow, Vicki Truax, will accept the posthumous award.

Congratulations to the leadership and members of the Chicago Athletic Association for creating and establishing this award, to Ring Lardner's great-nephew, Rex, for his support and cooperation, and to the recipients.

#### RECOGNITION OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LYNDA VAN DEVANTER BUCKLEY

#### HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2002*

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Lynda Van DeVanter Buckley, the author of "Home Before Morning: Story of an Army Nurse in Vietnam", who passed away after a long-time illness last week. Lynda served in Vietnam 1969–70 at 71st Evacuation Hospital in Pleiku. I had the good fortune to know Lynda from her testimony to the House Committee on Veterans Affairs and from her long-standing advocacy as a very early member of the Vietnam Veterans as America. Like so many in the veterans' community, I felt a tremendous loss upon hearing that Lynda had left us after her long and courageous struggle.

As a friend, a Vietnam era veteran and lifetime member of Vietnam Veterans of America, I remember Lynda's perseverance, her indomitable spirit and her humanity. As a then-junior Member of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs she helped shape my views on policy for Vietnam veterans—particularly on women veterans' issues, and the health effects of Agent Orange on veterans and their children. Even in her illness, Lynda continued to fight for her daughter, Molly, whose conditions Lynda suspected were related to her own exposure to Agent Orange.

"Home Before Morning: Story of an Army Nurse in Vietnam" became a clarion call to women Vietnam veterans. It reminded them that they were not alone in their struggles and gave voice to the problems and concerns of both this particular group of Vietnam veterans and the entire generation. So many of the pre-eminent leaders in this community have been affected by her character and her courage. I know her fight lives on in them.

My good friend, Dr. Linda Spoonster Schwartz, a Vietnam nurse who is also a Vietnam Veterans of America member, had this to say about Lynda's life which speaks volumes of the loss we all sense in her passing:

"She was our first Sister. I say that because she took her own Odyssey and put it in print. Her struggle was very much like our own. We began to see we were not alone . . . Her words came like thunderbolts to part the curtain of anonymity, demoralization and released the years of quiet turmoil suffered by many women who served in Vietnam and during the Vietnam era . . . She became the Elder Statesman, supporting, advising, and nurturing a new team to continue her work. She taught us how to share, how to disagree without demeaning each other. Mostly she understood with a deep sense of reckoning which never wavered from her vision . . . She created a voice for women veterans and all past, present and to come are the beneficiary of her legacy."

Lynda will be missed by many, but her commitment and contributions will endure. Yes, Lynda will be missed, but never forgotten.